

visitors. The people who repair and maintain the Capitol complex, the people from the office of the Architect of the Capitol. The people who run the congressional Federal Credit Union, our cloakroom and the floor people, Tim and Joelle, and Jim and Jay, and others. Helen and Pat in our cloakroom. Helen has been an institution, a fixture in the House. Since 1939 she has been serving Republican Members. People who run the take-outs and the restaurants and the office buildings in the Capitol complex, the barber Joe Q. The people who run the service offices, the Member services, Caroline and Juanita. The doorkeepers, the parliamentarians, the TV and radio and press people, our chaplain, the Congressional Research Service people, the legislative counsel, the people who run the House garages and there are so many others who I have not named.

There are so many who work so hard for this institution and for its Members. All of us can never thank them enough for their wonderful service to us and to this institution and to our country.

TAX PACKAGE MUST INCLUDE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE AND HELP FOR EMPLOYERS TO BE SUCCESSFUL

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, last March I passed an amendment to raise the minimum wage \$1 over 2 years, from \$5.15 to \$6.15. The minimum wage increase was then rolled in with a tax cut.

I voted for that tax cut because I believe if the boss cannot afford the wage increase, the boss will end up laying off some of the people on the bottom end of the ladder that are the very people we want to help the most. The bottom line is, what good is a pay increase if someone loses their job? Beam me up.

But let me say this: Any final agreement that does not both raise the minimum wage \$1 over 2 years and also give help to the companies and employers who hire our people will be a failure.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back all the politics of class warfare at the White House.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER DISTRICT DIRECTOR AND FRIEND, JOHN J. MCGUIRE

(Mr. WALSH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, October 16, John J. McGuire, my former district director in Syracuse, New York, and close personal friend,

died after a long battle with brain cancer. John served as an integral part of my staff since my election to Congress in 1988. Prior to that time, he served as a compliance officer for 11 years with the Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor in Syracuse.

John McGuire, a former Marine, was a highly decorated disabled American veteran. He is a past recipient of the Veterans Service Award from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, four Special Achievement Awards and the Federal Distinguished Career Award. After serving as a sergeant in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, John taught English both here in the United States and in the Balkans.

With John's death earlier this week, his wife and children lost a terrific husband and father; and I lost a neighbor, a close adviser, and a loyal friend. The Central New York community lost a tireless worker and community advocate, and the entire nation lost a dedicated public servant and true American patriot. He will certainly be missed but never forgotten.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 835, ESTUARIES AND CLEAN WATERS ACT OF 2000

Mr. BOEHLERT submitted the following conference report and statement on the Senate bill (S. 835) to encourage the restoration of estuary habitat through more efficient project financing and enhanced coordination of Federal and non-Federal restoration programs, and for other purposes:

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 106-995)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 835), to encourage the restoration of estuary habitat through more efficient project financing and enhanced coordination of Federal and non-Federal restoration programs, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conferences, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the House amendment, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) *SHORT TITLE.*—This Act may be cited as the “Estuaries and Clean Waters Act of 2000”.

(b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—

Sec. 1. *Short title; table of contents.*

TITLE I—ESTUARY RESTORATION

Sec. 101. *Short title.*

Sec. 102. *Purposes.*

Sec. 103. *Definitions.*

Sec. 104. *Estuary habitat restoration program.*

Sec. 105. *Establishment of Estuary Habitat Restoration Council.*

Sec. 106. *Estuary habitat restoration strategy.*

Sec. 107. *Monitoring of estuary habitat restoration projects.*

Sec. 108. *Reporting.*

Sec. 109. *Funding.*

Sec. 110. *General provisions.*

TITLE II—CHESAPEAKE BAY RESTORATION

Sec. 201. *Short title.*

Sec. 202. *Findings and purposes.*

Sec. 203. *Chesapeake Bay.*

TITLE III—NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM

Sec. 301. *Addition to national estuary program.*

Sec. 302. *Grants.*

Sec. 303. *Authorization of appropriations.*

TITLE IV—LONG ISLAND SOUND RESTORATION

Sec. 401. *Short title.*

Sec. 402. *Innovative methodologies and technologies.*

Sec. 403. *Assistance for distressed communities.*

Sec. 404. *Authorization of appropriations.*

TITLE V—LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN BASIN RESTORATION

Sec. 501. *Short title.*

Sec. 502. *Lake Pontchartrain basin.*

TITLE VI—ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCES

Sec. 601. *Short title.*

Sec. 602. *Pilot program for alternative water source projects.*

TITLE VII—CLEAN LAKES

Sec. 701. *Grants to States.*

Sec. 702. *Demonstration program.*

TITLE VIII—TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY ESTUARY AND BEACH CLEANUP

Sec. 801. *Short title.*

Sec. 802. *Purpose.*

Sec. 803. *Definitions.*

Sec. 804. *Actions to be taken by the Commission and the Administrator.*

Sec. 805. *Negotiation of new treaty minute.*

Sec. 806. *Authorization of appropriations.*

TITLE IX—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 901. *Purchase of American-made equipment and products.*

Sec. 902. *Long-term estuary assessment.*

Sec. 903. *Rural sanitation grants.*

TITLE I—ESTUARY RESTORATION

SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Estuary Restoration Act of 2000”.

SEC. 102. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this title are—

(1) to promote the restoration of estuary habitat;

(2) to develop a national estuary habitat restoration strategy for creating and maintaining effective estuary habitat restoration partnerships among public agencies at all levels of government and to establish new partnerships between the public and private sectors;

(3) to provide Federal assistance for estuary habitat restoration projects and to promote efficient financing of such projects; and

(4) to develop and enhance monitoring and research capabilities through the use of the environmental technology innovation program associated with the National Estuarine Research Reserve System established by section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1461) to ensure that estuary habitat restoration efforts are based on sound scientific understanding and innovative technologies.

SEC. 103. DEFINITIONS.

In this title, the following definitions apply:

(1) *COUNCIL.*—The term “Council” means the Estuary Habitat Restoration Council established by section 105.

(2) *ESTUARY.*—The term “estuary” means a part of a river or stream or other body of water that has an unimpaired connection with the open sea and where the sea water is measurably